Telephone Exchange of Kurehhar

2622. MISS FRIDATOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Kurebhar Telephone Exchange of Sultanpur (UP) remains out of order for almost 10 days in a month;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to rectify the problem;

(c) whether Government are also aware that all the telephone lines of village Chamurkha get damaged frequently due to overhead line wires:

(d) the reasons for not laying underground cables for above village whereas same has been done in case of village Seur; and

(e) by when. Government would lay underground cables for the above village?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRITAPAN SIKDAR): (a)Sir, Kurebhar exchange is working quite satisfactorily.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) Only one telephone connection is working in village Chamurkha, wliich is on line and wire. There is no prolonged interruption in service. However, immediate action is taken to rectify the fault as soon as fault is reported.

(d) As only one telephone is working and there is no additional demand for telephone in village Chamurkha cable has not been laid. Whereas in village Seur 26 telephone connections are working and hence the cable was laid, to provide these connections.

(e) Since there is no demand for additional telephones, there is no plan to lay the under ground cable at present in Chamurkha village.

STD and ISD Facilities

†2623. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telecommunication Centre which have been equipped with STD and ISD facility:

(b) whether there is a scheme to convert STD facility into local call gradually: and

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